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**Law No. (13) of 2005
amending certain provisions of Evidence in Civil and Commercial Matters Law promulgated by Legislative Decree No. (14) of 1996**

We, Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, King of the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Having reviewed the Constitution,

Civil and Commercial Procedures Law promulgated by Legislative Decree No. (12) of 1972, and the laws amending it;

Legislative Decree No. (3) of 1995 regarding Roll Experts;

Evidence in Civil and Commercial Matters Law promulgated by Legislative Decree No. (14) of 1996;

Judicial Authority Law promulgated by Legislative Decree No. (42) of 2002;

The Shura Council and the Council of Representatives have approved the following law, which we have ratified and enacted:

**Article One**

Text of Article 64 of Evidence in Civil and Commercial Matters Law promulgated by Legislative Decree No. (14) of 1996 shall be replaced by the following text:

**Article 64:**

It is also permissible to prove by the testimony of witnesses what should have been proved by written evidence:

A- If there is a material or ethical impediment against providing written evidence, and the marital relationship is considered an ethical impediment.

B- If the creditor loses his written evidence for an unrelated reason not attributable to him.

**Article Two**

The Minister of Justice shall implement this Law, and it shall come into force from the day following the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

**King of the Kingdom of Bahrain**

**Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa**

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